

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please revise paragraph [0078] of the specification as follows:

[0078] An engagement recess portion (retainer-side engagement portion) 34 having first and second arc-shaped openings (recesses) 34a with which the convex engagement ~~convex~~ portion 14 of the mating pipe 12 can be engaged from a radially-inward side, as well as a retaining engagement groove (retainer-side retaining engagement portion) 36 which can be fitted to the retaining engagement portion 32 of the connector body 18 also from the radially-inward side to be retained in the axial direction, are provided on this retainer 20.

[0079] This retaining engagement groove 36 is retainingly engaged with the retaining engagement portion 32 of the retainer holding portion 26, so that the retainer 20 is held in a fixed condition in the axial direction by this retainer holding portion 26. In particular, as can be seen in FIG. 2, retainer 20 includes a first arc-shaped portion 33a which projects outwardly into one of the box-shaped windows 30 of the retainer holding portion 26, and a second arc-shaped portion 33b which projects outwardly into the other of the box shaped windows 30 of the retainer holding portion 20. As can be seen in FIG. 1, when the mating pipe 12 is fixed in an axial direction in the retainer, and the retainer 20 is held in the connector body 18, the convex engagement portion 14 of the mating pipe 12 and the arc-shaped portions 33a, 33b are located directly under the box-shaped windows 30 of the retainer holding portion 26, and are visible when viewed through each of the box-shaped windows 30.

Please revise paragraph [0095] of the specification as follows:

[0095] The press-fitting portion 28 includes a length L extending rearwardly from an opening 28O at a ring-shaped end face 28F on ~~tip end 28T~~ tip end of the press-fitting portion 28, a ring-shaped end face 18F of the connector body 18. As can be seen in FIG. 4, the press-fitting portion 28 is provided along the length L with the following portions, one immediately after another: a first truncated-conical-shaped portion 28T1 extending from the ring-shaped end face 28F; a cylindrical-shaped root portion 28R, the plurality of truncated-conical-shaped annular projections 46, 46 each followed by a ring-shaped face 46F and another cylindrical-shaped root portion 28R, a second truncated-conical-shaped portion 28T2, which ends abutting with the ring-shaped end face 18F of the connector body 18. In this embodiment, an inner diameter d4 of the press-fitting portion 28 is 2.0 mm, and an outer diameter d5 of each annular projection 46 is 4.5 mm, and an outer diameter d6 of each root portion adjacent to the annular projections 46 is 3.5 mm.